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**In the Claims:**

1. (Currently Amended) A method for processing  
~~distributing~~ a public information release authorization (PIRA)  
request form over an intranet, the method comprising:

accessing via the intranet a PIRA form comprising a  
plurality of fields to be filled-in, the plurality of fields  
including a date field indicating when public information is to  
be released, a title field indicating a title of the public  
information, an author field indicating an author of the public  
information, and an abstract field indicating at least a summary  
of the public information;

filling in the plurality of fields in the PIRA form;

~~creating and submitting the a PIRA form over the~~  
~~intranet, the PIRA form being submitted by an author to at least~~  
one approver via e-mail with the email including a hyperlink to  
the PIRA form; and

transmitting comments for the PIRA form by the at least  
one approver via e-mail.

2. (Original) A method according to Claim 1 wherein  
the intranet includes a plurality of users enrolled therein with  
each user having associated personnel information stored within  
the intranet, the method further comprising:

selecting a first level of approvers from among the  
plurality of users for reviewing the PIRA form; and

transmitting a first notification message via e-mail to  
the first level of approvers, the first notification message  
having a hyperlink to the PIRA form.

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3. (Original) A method according to Claim 2 wherein the first level of approvers comprises at least one of a manager, a program manager and a technical peer reviewer.

4. (Original) A method according to Claim 2 wherein the first level of approvers is selected by the author.

5. (Original) A method according to Claim 2 further comprising creating a profile of the PIRA form in response to accessing associated personnel information of the author; and wherein at least one of the first level of approvers is selected based upon the created profile.

6. (Original) A method according to Claim 2 wherein the first level of approvers reviews the PIRA form concurrently.

7. (Original) A method according to Claim 2 further comprising:

selecting a second level of approvers from among the plurality of users for reviewing the PIRA form; and

transmitting a second notification message via e-mail to the second level of approvers, the second notification message having a hyperlink to the PIRA form.

8. (Original) A method according to Claim 7 wherein the second level of approvers comprises at least one of a security administrator, a system administrator, a contracts

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administrator, a communications administrator, an export/import administrator and a legal administrator.

9. (Original) A method according to Claim 7 wherein the second level of approvers is selected by a system administrator.

10. (Original) A method according to Claim 7 wherein each of the second level of approvers reviews the PIRA form sequentially.

11. (Original) A method according to Claim 10 further comprising stopping approval of the PIRA when one of the second level of approvers rejects the PIRA form.

12. (Currently Amended) A method according to Claim 1 wherein ~~the creating comprises including an attachment to the PIRA form.~~ filling in the abstract field comprises attaching an attachment to the PIRA form for providing additional information on the public information.

13. (Currently Amended) An intranet for processing ~~distributing~~ a public information release authorization (PIRA) request form comprising:

at least one server for providing a ~~implementing the~~ PIRA ~~process~~ form comprising a plurality of fields to be filled-in, the plurality of fields including a date field indicating when public information is to be released, a title field

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indicating a title of the public information, an author field  
indicating an author of the public information, and an abstract  
field indicating at least a summary of the public information;

a first user computer cooperating with said at least  
one server for

accessing the PIRA form and filling in the  
plurality of data field, and

~~creating and submitting the a PIRA form over~~  
~~the intranet, the PIRA form being submitted by an~~  
~~author~~ to at least one approver via e-mail with the  
email including a hyperlink to the PIRA form; and

a second user computer cooperating with said at least  
one server for transmitting comments on ~~of~~ the PIRA form by the  
at least one approver via e-mail.

14. (Previously Presented) An intranet according to  
Claim 13 wherein a plurality of users is enrolled in the  
intranet, with each user having associated personnel information  
stored within said at least one server, said first user computer  
further cooperating with said at least one server for performing  
the following:

selecting a first level of approvers from among the  
plurality of users for reviewing the PIRA form; and

transmitting a first notification message via e-mail to  
the first level of approvers, the first notification message  
having a hyperlink to the PIRA form.

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15. (Original) An intranet according to Claim 13 wherein the first level of approvers comprises at least one of a manager, a program manager and a technical peer reviewer.

16. (Original) An intranet according to Claim 13 wherein the first level of approvers is selected by the author.

17. (Previously Presented) An intranet according to Claim 14 wherein said first user computer further cooperates with said at least one server for creating a profile of the PIRA form in response to accessing associated personnel information of the author; and wherein at least one of the first level of approvers is selected based upon the created profile.

18. (Original) An intranet according to Claim 13 wherein the first level of approvers reviews the PIRA form concurrently.

19. (Previously Presented) An intranet according to Claim 14 wherein said first user computer further cooperates with said at least one server for performing the following:

selecting a second level of approvers from among the plurality of users for reviewing the PIRA form; and

transmitting a second notification message via e-mail to the second level of approvers, the second notification message having a hyperlink to the PIRA form.

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20. (Original) An intranet according to Claim 19 wherein the second level of approvers comprises at least one of a security administrator, a system administrator, a contracts administrator, a communications administrator, an export/import administrator and a legal administrator.

21. (Original) An intranet according to Claim 19 wherein the second level of approvers is selected by a system administrator.

22. (Original) An intranet according to Claim 19 wherein each of the second level of approvers reviews the PIRA form sequentially.

23. (Previously Presented) An intranet according to Claim 19 wherein said first user computer further cooperates with said at least one server for stopping approval of the PIRA when one of the second level of approvers rejects the PIRA form.

24. (Currently Amended) An intranet according to Claim 13 wherein ~~creating and submitting the PIRA form comprises including an attachment to the PIRA form.~~ filling in the abstract field comprises attaching an attachment to the PIRA form for providing additional information on the public information.

25. (Currently Amended) A computer-readable medium having computer-executable instructions for causing user

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computers coupled to at least one server and defining an intranet therewith to perform steps comprising:

accessing ~~creating and submitting~~ a public information release authorization (PIRA) form over the intranet using a first one of the user computers cooperating with the at least one server, the PIRA form comprising a plurality of fields to be filled-in, the plurality of fields including a date field indicating when public information is to be released, a title field indicating a title of the public information, an author field indicating an author of the public information, and an abstract field indicating at least a summary of the public information;

filling in the plurality of fields in the PIRA form via the first one of the user computers;

submitting the PIRA form over the intranet being-  
~~submitted by an author~~ to at least one approver via e-mail with the email including a hyperlink to the PIRA form; and

transmitting comments for the PIRA form by the at least one approver via e-mail using a second one of the user computers cooperating with the at least one server.

26. (Previously Presented) A computer-readable medium according to Claim 25 wherein the intranet includes a plurality of users enrolled therein with each user having associated personnel information stored within the intranet, the computer-readable medium further having computer-executable instructions

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for causing the first one of the user computers to perform the following steps:

selecting a first level of approvers from among the plurality of users for reviewing the PIRA form; and

transmitting a first notification message via e-mail to the first level of approvers, the first notification message having a hyperlink to the PIRA form.

27. (Original) A computer-readable medium according to Claim 25 wherein the first level of approvers comprises at least one of a manager, a program manager and a technical peer reviewer.

28. (Original) A computer-readable medium according to Claim 25 wherein the first level of approvers is selected by the author.

29. (Previously Presented) A computer-readable medium according to Claim 26 further having computer-executable instructions for causing the first one of the user computers to create a profile of the PIRA form in response to accessing associated personnel information of the author; and wherein at least one of the first level of approvers is selected based upon the created profile.

30. (Original) A computer-readable medium according to Claim 25 wherein the first level of approvers reviews the PIRA form concurrently.



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31. (Previously Presented) A computer-readable medium according to Claim 26 further having computer-executable instructions for causing the first one of the user computers to perform the following steps:

selecting a second level of approvers from among the plurality of users for reviewing the PIRA form; and

transmitting a second notification message via e-mail to the second level of approvers, the second notification message having a hyperlink to the PIRA form.

32. (Original) A computer-readable medium according to Claim 31 wherein the second level of approvers comprises at least one of a security administrator, a system administrator, a contracts administrator, a communications administrator, an export/import administrator and a legal administrator.

33. (Original) A computer-readable medium according to Claim 31 wherein the second level of approvers is selected by a system administrator.

34. (Original) A computer-readable medium according to Claim 31 wherein each of the second level of approvers review the PIRA form sequentially.

35. (Previously Presented) A computer-readable medium according to Claim 31 further having computer-executable instructions for causing the first one of the user computers to

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stop approval of the PIRA when one of the second level of approvers rejects the PIRA form.

36. (Currently Amended) A computer-readable medium according to Claim 25 wherein ~~creating and submitting the PIRA form comprises including an attachment to the PIRA form.~~ filling in the abstract field comprises attaching an attachment to the PIRA form for providing additional information on the public information.

37. (New) A method according to Claim 1 wherein the PIRA form further comprises a proprietary information field indicating if the public information includes proprietary information.

38. (New) A method according to Claim 1 wherein the PIRA form further comprises a type field indicating a format of the public information, with the type field being configured as a pull-down menu for providing the following items to select from: an abstract, a draft article, a final article, a book, a video, and a World Wide Web item.

39. (New) An intranet according to Claim 13 wherein the PIRA form further comprises a proprietary information field indicating if the public information includes proprietary information.

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40. (New) An intranet according to Claim 13 wherein the PIRA form further comprises a type field indicating a format of the public information, with the type field being configured as a pull-down menu for providing the following items to select from: an abstract, a draft article, a final article, a book, a video, and a World Wide Web item.

41. (New) A computer-readable medium according to Claim 25 wherein the PIRA form further comprises a proprietary information field indicating if the public information includes proprietary information.

42. (New) A computer-readable medium according to Claim 25 wherein the PIRA form further comprises a type field indicating a format of the public information, with the type field being configured as a pull-down menu for providing the following items to select from: an abstract, a draft article, a final article, a book, a video, and a World Wide Web item.